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**APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
CORRECTING FOR DARK CURRENT  
IN A SOLID STATE IMAGE SENSOR**

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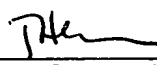
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